How can I get involved?

Your thoughts and opinions are important to us.

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Funding



This project is not funded through farebox revenue

(ferry fares). More than half of the project is paid for through the state nickel gas tax.

Ferry fares pay for the systems operating costs.
WSF is continually seeking to increase revenue through
business development opportunities at all of its facilities.

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Building a new gateway to the San Juan Islands and Sidney, B.C.

What is the Anacortes Multimodal Ferry Terminal Project?

Washington State Ferries (WSF) will be building a new, expanded Anacortes
Multimodal Ferry Terminal facility in 2006.
The new facility will be able to handle expected growth on the route and will improve accessibility for all modes of travel, safety and the customer experience.

The updated facility will be a destination for residents and tourists alike, with new restaurants, a roof deck with spectacular views and a comfortable waiting area to make the terminal an enjoyable place to spend time. WSF will be working on the initial design over the summer and will ask for your thoughts at a public open house this fall.

WSF wants to know what you think!

Watch for information about a public open house in Fall 2005 where the project team will ask for your input on some of the design features.



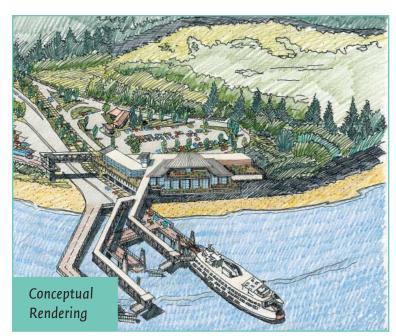


What are the problems at the ferry terminal today?

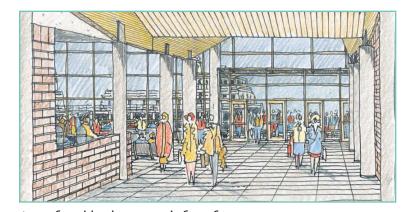


Why is this project necessary?

- We have outgrown today's terminal due to an increase in the number of passengers.
- The building is in poor condition.
- An additional slip is needed to improve efficiency in maintenance and operations.
- It is challenging to drive or walk around the site during vehicle loading and offloading.
- Amenities available in the terminal are limited.
- The pick-up/drop-off area is inconvenient for transit and cars.
- Loading improvements are needed for pedestrians, persons with limited mobility and bicycles.
- There is insufficient space to hold cars for U.S.
 Customs.
- There isn't a comfortable, welcoming place to wait for a ferry.



A bird's eye view of the new facility



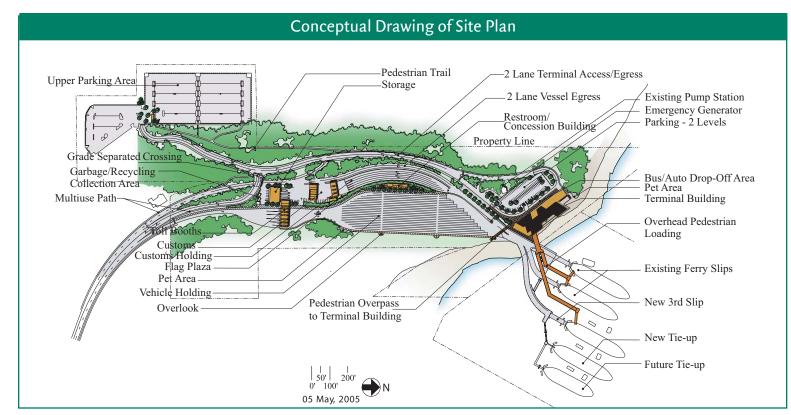
A comfortable place to wait for a ferry

What is planned for the terminal?

- Construct a new, improved terminal building
- Move the two tie-up slips further offshore and rebuild the slips. This will:
 - encourage eelgrass growth
 - improve access for today's vessels by moving the slips to deeper water
 - ready the slips for larger vessels in the future
- Build another service slip so regular ferry operations won't be interrupted when maintenance activities require driving on to a ferry
- Rebuild and expand the passenger overhead loading to eliminate the steepness of the walkway ramp for persons with limited mobility
- Improve the way all modes of travel move on the site by including bicycle lanes and sidewalks, a flyover to connect to the terminal and upland parking lot, and a pedestrian bridge from the terminal building to the holding lanes
- Expand the upland parking lot and build a walking trail to connect the lot to the terminal already completed!

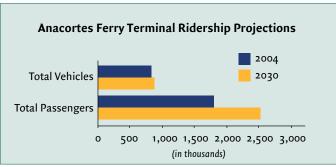
Time line for next steps

2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010-2013
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Upland Parkin	g Lot	•	•	• • •	•
Construction Completed May '05					
Tie-Up Slip	•	•	•	• •	•
Design Cons	truction	•	•	•	
Terminal Build	ing		•	• • • • • • •	•
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Site Circulation/Grade Separation					
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What are the project benefits?

- A new gateway to the San Juan Islands and Sidney, B.C.
- Allow separation of international travelers for U.S.
 Customs clearance to avoid delays to ferries coming into Anacortes from Island communities.
- Easy access to customer and tourist information.
- Better access for persons with limited mobility.
- Environmentally friendly features, such as natural ventilation, water efficient landscaping and use of recycled materials.
- Improved traffic flow for ferry users while loading and unloading the vessel.
- Increased amenities and services such as restaurants, a newsstand, and an information center.
- Improvements to meet new security requirements.
- Additional retail revenue will help support the ferry system.
- Dedicated areas for loading bicycles, kayaks and walk-on passengers, allowing for safe, fast loading operations.



1997 Master Plan and Project Background

In 1997, WSF worked with the community to develop a master plan for a new Anacortes Multimodal Ferry Terminal. The Master Plan addressed terminal and site improvements to accommodate the ridership projections and the necessity to meet new code requirements.

In Spring 2004, with new funding from the Washington State Legislature, WSF revisited the 1997 Master Plan to assess what changes have taken place over the last few years, including revised operational needs, new security requirements and new business initiatives. Based on this review, a revised conceptual plan has been developed for both the site and terminal building.